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**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development** 

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)** 

Grant Recipient: King Cove Federal Tax ID: 92-6001247

Project Title: Project Type: Planning and Research

# King Cove - Izembek Land Exchange EIS

State Funding Requested: \$300,000 House District: 37 / S

One-Time Need

#### **Brief Project Description:**

Fund a portion of the ongoing Izembek Land Exchange EIS. The City is one of the primary cooperating agencies in this EIS and is responsible for coordinating the active involvement of the City, Aleutians East Borough and Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove in this process.

#### **Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost: \$1,180,000
Funding Already Secured: (\$880,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request: (\$300,000)
Project Deficit: \$0

Funding Details:

State Funds \$300,000 FY11 Local Funds \$580,000 FY11 &12

No additional State Funding the EIS,ROD,PIF, +permits will be requested.

# **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This Phase (FY12)

The ultimate goal is to be ready to construct a road link between King Cove and the Cold Bay Airport by 2014. However, before construction can begin, the EIS, Record of Decision, and Public Interest Finding (PIF) must be completed. We are now in the second year of these processes. This project continues to have a high, national profile since the land exchange and road involves the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.

Simultaneously with the EIS and PIF, the City is also actively participating in the engineering design and location of the road corridor and identifying any required impact mitigations for securing all required federal and state permits. The federal legislation authorizing the land exchange EIS contains a provision for all such permits to be obtained within one full year of the State applying for these permits. The State has committed to applying for these permits when the draft EIS is realeased in June 2011.

The project requires continuous hands-on participation by the City. The City has been using a cadre of resource specialists, engineers, EIS experts, and legal counsel to assist with this project.

Additionally, in order to achieve these project goals and work plan, the City has entered into Memorandum of Agreements,

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(MOA) with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Fish & Game (F&G), and Transportation & Public Facilities; U.S. Dept. of Transportation/Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD); and, U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Services.

The MOA with DNR, F&G and WFLHD have cost requirements, totaling \$540,000, which are being paid by City/Local funding.

#### **Project Timeline:**

City technical/resource specialists and legal consultants

Memorandum of Agreement with State/DNR and F&G

Memorandum of Agreement with US DOT/WFLHD adn State/DOT

City Project management, travel, and misc. costs.

(FY11 \$630,000)

City technical/resource specialists and legal consultants

Memorandum of Agreement with State/DNR and F&G

Memorandum of Agreement with US DOT/WFLHD & State/DOT

City project management, travel, and misc. costs.

(FY12 \$550,000)

# **Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

City of King Cove

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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